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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR MEETING WITH BEGIN JULY 26

REF: TEL AVIV 09248

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH BEGIN JULY 26 YOU MAY FILL HIM IN FULLY ON OUR SCENARIO FOR THE SECRETARY'S TRIP (SEE BELOW) BUT SHOULD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AVOID SUBSTANCE. FYI THE SECRETARY DOES NOT BELIEVE WE CAN TALK TO BEGIN ABOUT SUBSTANCE UNTIL WE HAVE ANOTHER INTENSIVE ROUND OF INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS HERE. WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SUBSTANTIVE GUIDANCE FOR USE WITH BEGIN SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. END FYI

2. AS TO SCENARIO, YOU MAY TELL BEGIN THAT SECRETARY PLANS TO ARRIVE AT BEN GURION AIRPORT AT ABOUT 8:45 P.M.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 5 AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THE NEXT DAY. SECRETARY WANTS TO ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR CONSULTATION WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN AND WILL STAY IN JERUSALEM THROUGH ABOUT NOON ON MONDAY AUGUST 7, DEPARTING THEN FOR CAIRO. LIKEWISE HE WANTS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH SADAT; HE WILL SPEND EVENING OF AUGUST 7 AND ALL DAY AUGUST 8 AND

THAT NIGHT IN CAIRO. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SFM
CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS OPEN AT NOON
ON AUGUST 9 SO THAT WORK CAN BE COMPLETED BY AFTERNOON OF

AUGUST 11 AND ISRAELI DELEGATION CAN BE HOME FOR THE
SABBATH. PRESENT PLANNING IS THAT ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN
DELEGATIONS WOULD RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS
EACH EVENING AFTER CLOSE OF MEETINGS, AND US DELEGATION
WOULD ALTERNATE BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND CAIRO, BUT WE WOULD
BE HAPPY TO OFFER ACCOMMODATIONS AT SFM TO ISRAELI AND
EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL WHO WOULD FIND IT MORE CONVENIENT TO
SPEND THE NIGHT THERE AUGUST 9 AND 10.

2. YOU SHOULD TELL BEGIN THAT WE APPRECIATE HIS PROMPT
ACCEPTANCE OF OUR SUGGESTION FOR MEETING OF FOREIGN AND
DEFENSE MINISTERS AT SFM. AS THE ISRAELIS KNOW, THE
EGYPTIANS HAVE PUBLICLY AVOIDED ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THEY
ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS,
BUT WE BELIEVE SADAT WILL AGREE TO SEND KAMEL AND GAMASY
TO SFM. THIS, HOWEVER, IS SOMETHING WE WILL HAVE TO WORK
THROUGH WITH SADAT QUIETLY IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. YOU
SHOULD TELL BEGIN THAT UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SO,
WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ISRAELIS KEEPING INFORMATION
REGARDING PLANS FOR THE SFM IN CONFIDENCE.

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